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The reply filed on 26 July 1999 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant did not include an election of the species to be examined even though the requirement was traversed. As was pointed out at page 5 of Paper #5, Group I required a species election of affinity tag (see paragraph #9). Pending claims 32 and 35 are generic and claims 33 and 36 recite the different species of affinity tags. MPEP 808.01(a) indicates that when a generic claim recites such a multiplicity of species that an unduly extensive and burdensome search is required, a requirement for an election of species should be made prior to a search of the generic claim. If no generic claim is held to be allowable, then the claims will be restricted to the single disclosed species.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Christine J. Saoud, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 305-7519. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 8AM to 2PM. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Gary Kunz, can be reached on (703) 308-4623.

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